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[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Fighting which is sporadic in the west, but more continual in the east, has brought about no material change in the situation. Artillery is playing the biggest part along the western front although at points there has been close range fighting in which a few yards have been gained or lost. Germans deny the report that they have been driven out of Steinback, upper Alsace, which has been the scene of sanguinary fighting from house to house for a week.

There have been engagements on the rivers Bzura and Rawka in Poland but seemingly the Germans are no nearer Warsaw than a week ago. They have commenced an offensive in the direction of Kielce, one of the largest towns in Southern Poland.

This doubtless has for its object the holding up of the Russian advance through Galicia on Cracow. Another attempt on the part of the German advance from Mlava to divert the Russian threat to outflank the center by crowding the lower Vistula, northwest of Warsaw, has been checked by the Russians. According to a Petrograd report the Russians continue to sweep the Austrians westward along the southern Galician railway toward Cracow and Nieszwidze, out of the northern foothills of the Carpathians. The Muscovites are also credited with having organized a new campaign against Hungary, advancing in four columns along the mountains. This is said not to be like the previous raids but a regular invasion.

Further east the Russians are marching across Bukovina, not far north of the Roumanian frontier, toward Transylvania. It is considered likely the Roumanian action will be hastened by this step. On the Caucasian front, where Field Marshal Van Derzolt is to take command, the Turks have assumed the offensive and have crossed the Russian frontier at three points. Heavy fighting is now reported to be in progress.

By request of King George, tomorrow will be observed as a day of intercession and special prayers for the allies' arms will be offered in every church and every chapel of all creeds and religions in the kingdom.

"The Turks have occupied Ardahan, penetrating fifty miles into the Russian Caucasus," says the Constantinople correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph.

Ardahan is a fortified town on the Kur, forty-five miles northwest of Kars. Saturday reports claimed the Turks had penetrated Russian territory at three points.

No Notable Occurrences

PARIS, Jan. 2.—A night official says: "There are no notable occurrences to report other than sustained cannonading against our trenches to the east of Verdun in the region to the north of Chaulnes last night and also a German attack to the west of the Conspicuous Wood (north of Verdun) which failed."

COAST DEFENSE WORK BEGINS

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—The construction of placements for coast defense batteries at Fort McArthur on Point Fermin, Los Angeles Harbor, has been begun by the government. The batteries will cost \$2,000,000 and the completed fort nearly \$3,000,000. The reservation covers 141 acres.

GUN FATAL AS BALLBAT

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]
RIVERSIDE, Jan. 1.—Julius Christenson, fifteen years old, used the stock of a loaded shotgun for a ball bat yesterday while hunting and the impact when the gun hit the ball discharged both barrels into the right leg. Surgeons say it will be necessary to amputate the leg.

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PENNY PAPERS NOW BACK TO TWO CENTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Two afternoon papers advanced their price from one to two cents today after more than a year of experimentation. War news increased the circulation, but domestic conditions have not permitted a raise of the advertising rates. Meanwhile the price of paper has increased by leaps and bounds. There is now one paper selling at one cent. Both morning papers maintained the old price of five cents.

Another Cutter Saves Fifty From The Formidable

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Another cutter from the British battleship Formidable, which was sunk in the English channel yesterday, reached Lyme-Regis, Dorsetshire, with fifty men, making a total saved of 241. When the cutter left the Formidable she carried sixty or more, but all but fifty succumbed to exposure having been in the open boat for twenty-four hours in a violent storm. Six dead were brought in the boat. The others were thrown overboard.

Albert Edwards Cooper, master-at-arms, one of the survivors, said the explosion occurred between 1:30 o'clock and 2:30 o'clock in the morning. When he reached the deck, the ship began to settle on the starboard side. Boats were launched and remained near the ship to pick up some of the men but some of those twenty yards away were swamped by the wreckage.

The survivors were all scantily clad and suffered terribly from the cold. A southeast gale was blowing and the men were unable to keep warm even when rowing. The cutter was discovered at 11 o'clock last night by a policeman who heard cries for help. He found the cutter on the beach with all so exhausted they were unable to get out unassisted. Some required artificial respiration to revive them.

Further Delays In Conference Of Convention Chiefs

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

EL PASO, Jan. 2.—Further delays are reported to have occurred in the reconvening at Mexico City of the Aguas Calientes conference of chiefs. The latest date set is January 10. Already several meetings have been held by the permanent committee of twenty-one members. No agreement is known to have been reached regarding the proportion former Carranza delegates and Villa and Zapata delegates would reach.

Zapata agents insisted, it is said, that each faction be represented by an equal number, while the Villa element demanded a proportion according to the number of armed men in the field. The Sonora delegation representing Gov. Maytorena has arrived here preparatory to the journey south. Many delegates delayed by railroad facilities.

Officials Admit Hitch

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Officials admit a hitch in negotiations to prevent firing across the border at Naco, Acting Secretary Lansing of the state department conferred with the president and later with Acting Secretary Breckinridge of the navy department, who dispatched further suggestions to Gen. Scott. Breckinridge also talked with Mexican representatives. Confidence is expressed the difficulty will be settled without use of American armaments.

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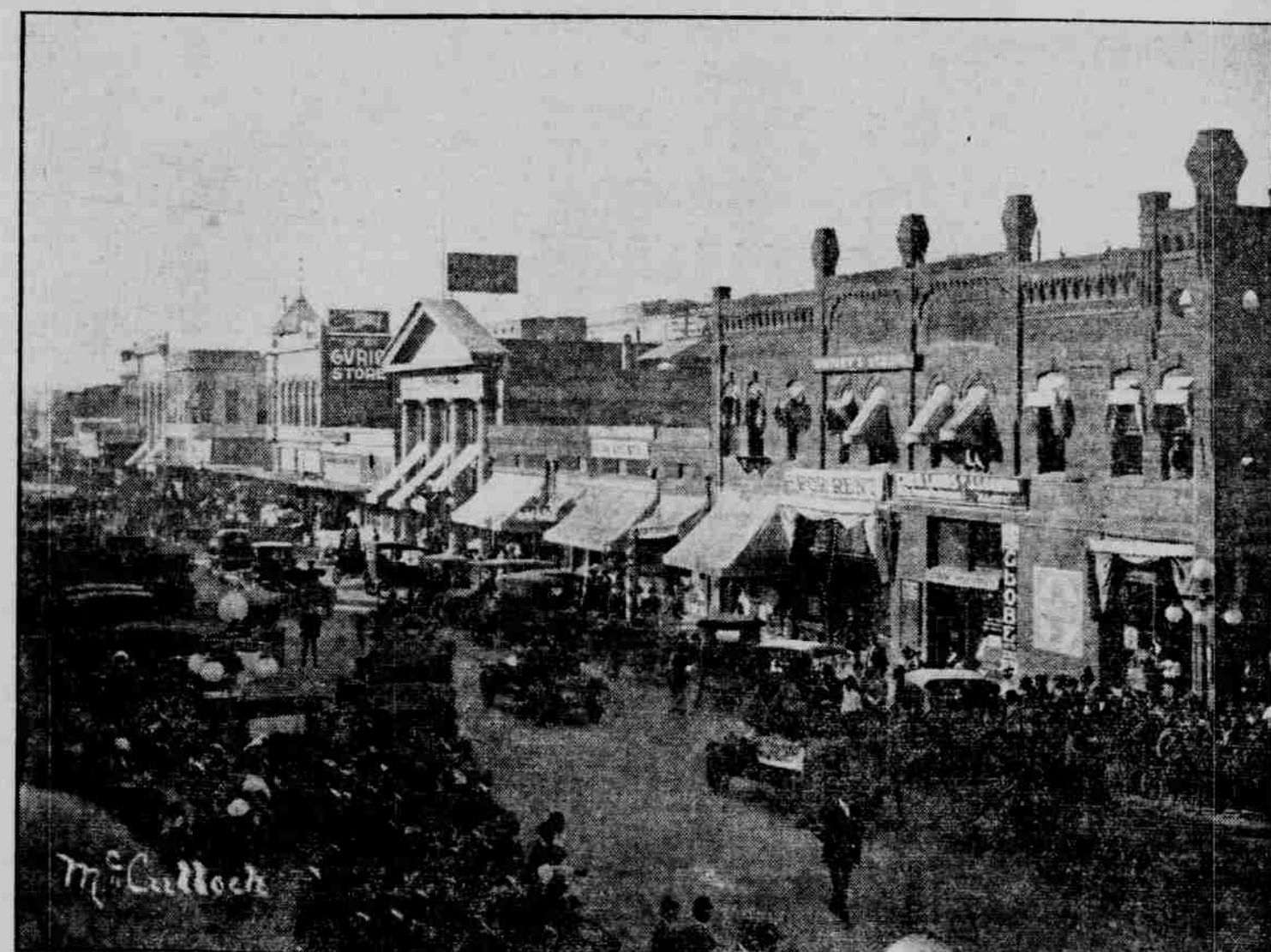
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"GOING UP" DAY, PHOENIX'S BIGGEST BOOST



How Phoenix Greeted The Prosperity Parade; Scene On West Adams Street During Pageant

IMMIGRATION BILL IS PASSED BY THE SENATE

With Overwhelming Majority Measure Retaining Literacy Test Is Adopted by Higher House and Returns to Conference

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The immigration bill containing the restrictive literacy test for the admission of aliens, which has been an obstacle in immigration reform legislation the greater part of the two national administrations, passed the senate by a vote of 50 to 7. This overwhelming majority was recorded despite the president had indicated he would veto the measure, as did former President Taft, if it should come to him with the educational test included. The vote indicated the bill would require by more than the required two-thirds majority should the president reject the measure. The bill passed the house last February.

Belgian subjects are exempted from the literacy test in an amendment adopted today after a long debate. House leaders will probably ask for a conference on the senate amendments Monday, but administration leaders are confident the senate amendments will be adopted and the bill sent to the president by the middle of next week.

Senators voting against the bill are Brandegee, McComb, Martin, O'Gorman, Ramsdell, Reed and Walsh. Among the senate amendments which the house leaders have said probably would be accepted is one to exclude from the United States all persons of African race or negro blood. Another strengthens the prohibition of the prohibition of polygamists.

The closing hours of the debate were devoted to the amendment by Senator Lodge to exempt Belgian farmers from the literacy test, and from provisions which prohibit Americans soliciting or inducing immigrants. Already several American organizations are endeavoring to induce Belgian refugees to settle in this country.

Many amendments were offered to include all subjects of belligerent countries whose homes have been invaded. Senator Poindestexter declared other nations would protest under the favorable nation clause of their treaties with the United States. Senator Root, who made an eloquent plea for the Lodge amendment, declared it would not violate any treaty obligations. He pictured the Belgians as a people without a country, without a protecting government and who needed an asylum. Many senators

Gloom Is Officially Dead In Busy Phoenix

A ghastly, bearing a horrid object John's unflinching optimism labeled in unkempt apparel, a certain crowd

"Water in the dam," "Joy in Phoenix," "Boost, boys, boost!" First of all in the parade, came a squad of mounted officers, led by Chief of Police George Brishois. Immediately back of them came the drum corps of the United States Indian school, bearing Harry Weller's famous Iron Springs banner, with the word, "PHOENIX." Then came the balloon float, depicting the rise of good times in Phoenix. Led by Chief of Police Brishois and former Chief of Police Johnny Moore, came a division, including the city officials, fire department and county officials. Mayor Young and City Manager Farish rode in a car with President A. L. Moore of the board of trade.

It was partly the fact that the first regiment band was some band yesterday's parade, and partly the fact it had a drum major, that caused people to applaud it so heartily. Jack Elliott, a saloon man, whose business was swept away in the "dry" flood, acted as drum major, and what his hands lacked in dexterity with the long-handled baton, they made up in enthusiasm. Many people called Elliott a good sport for the way he led the prosperity band.

Then came the Rotary car—an eight cylinder Cadillac, driven by Agent Bill Horrell and carrying President Amos A. Borer of the club. Bill undertook to demonstrate how slowly the car could run on high, and had bunch of floats and things waiting back of him most of the time.

Rotarians to the number of 3 hundred, followed on foot, with the insurance men mounted on an open-work plane right behind. H. A. McFarland, the leader, had his men adorned with tall conical caps, and while one chap hurled his paws into the ivories, they sang, "Back, Back, Back to Arizona."

Vice President Marshall

Vice President Thomas R. Marshall took a huge delight in the unbounded exuberance displayed by the Phoenixians. He rode in a car with Warren McArthur, and on every street corner was compelled to stop and raise his hat to the enthusiastic greetings of the crowd. Vice President Marshall's handsome young haberdashery claps followed in a decorated car, and then came Ed Russell in his Ford—the sedans and coupes that he is so proud of—and Charles McArthur, herding a bunch of Jeffrey Chesterfields and Will Catlin with a convoy of Buicks and then Goldbergs' gay chariot. Followed, then, E. R. Hutchins with the Overlands and Messrs. Holston and Newton with the Buicks. Gus Noll drove a Rotary car, followed by a fine showing of those "white wa-

time. (Continued on Page Four)

MINISTER HELD BECAUSE ACTED 'LIKE A HOUND'

Rev. R. A. M. Browne Faces Statutory Charge as Well as Responsibility for Despondency Causing Woman to Suicide

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

OAKLAND, Jan. 2.—As a climax to hours of grilling by a coroner's jury, threats of lynching and an attempted fight, Rev. R. A. M. Browne, minister and temperance worker, was arrested, charged with a statutory crime. This charge, and also the responsibility for the despondency which caused Mrs. Maude Hendricks, wife of a Stockton engineer, to kill herself on Tuesday, was made by the jury after Coroner Tisdale had exonerated the minister and accused him of acting "like a hound."

When Browne emerged from the jury room he was followed by a threatening crowd. He obtained a lift from a passing automobile and, while walking along the road near Hayward, where the inquest was held, was taken into custody by a deputy sheriff and taken to the Alameda county jail. He was transferred tonight to the city prison here.

Roy Hendricks, husband of the woman, was carefully watched in the inquest to prevent an attack on the minister. He left tonight with the body of his wife for Trinidad, California, where the funeral will be held. To a newspaper reporter Browne said:

"The whole tragedy lies in the fact that a woman who is married to a man is considered by society to be disgraced if she leaves him, and asserts her rights to place her affections where she wishes. I tried to shield her from publicity and disgrace."

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BANQUET ENDS PROSPERITY'S CELEBRATION

Three Hundred Citizens Gather About Festive Board to Hear Why and How Good Times Have Come to Arizona

MANY TURNED AWAY AT DOOR

Music, Songs and Speaking Furnish Evening of Useful Entertainment to Believers in the "Going Up" Slogan

Distilling the essence of optimism and mixing it with the milder and necessary draught of common sense, the banqueters who celebrated the close of Going-Up day at the Adams last night, partook, and dispersed to their homes, hugely cheered and very much encouraged. About three hundred persons assembled in the dining-room to hear why they should be cheerful, and to realize through the witty words of a fine list of public speakers that the prosperity that is spreading over the state is a real and stable fact. Yet, in the words of one speaker—Judge R. E. Sloan—it was not only the expression of optimism that everybody was trying to make, so much as it was the college yell of the hard worker, the courage instilling excitement that makes people do prosperous things and be prosperous, instead of merely talking about it.

Tall dance caps, distributed to every man, and to every woman who would wear one, lent a most gala air to the scene. Music by the entertainers, led by Kellogg and MacFarland and Stanley Tuok and Miss Mack, kept the gaiety at its proper height until the Military band riled into the balcony, played and then sang the new famous Tipperary song. By this time, the dinner had been disposed of, and Toastmaster Eugene Brady O'Neill became a man of moment. Mr. O'Neill read through the letter of Vice-President Marshall and the telegrams of Phoenix's good friends throughout Arizona. Then he began calling on the speakers. The letter and wires are to be found in another column of this paper.

J. C. Callaghan, the state auditor, who was introduced as the "man who has saved the Valley Bank" had to listen to a five-minute ovation before he could make himself heard. His remarks are printed herewith, practically in full.

Mr. Callaghan touched upon problems that have recently been called "unpleasant." But, in the light of their successful solution, they are now called splendid, in that they have brought out what Purdy Bullard called the finest qualities to be found in the citizens of any American city. The so-called ill-advised labor legislation was referred to by over half of the speakers. That Arizona would be prosperous in spite of the evil effects of such legislation was the prediction of every speaker.

R. E. Moore, the banker, followed Auditor Callaghan. Mr. Moore proved that bankers are not all dry as dust chips, when he launched into a humorous speech on his own unreadiness as an orator. He was given the subject, "The Wedding of the Gila and the Salt," that being thought appropriate in view of the financial union of Gila and Salt River valley banking interests. "I'm strong for the men of Phoenix," I concluded, "but stronger for the women, and if I were not already a married man, there might, indeed, be a wedding of the Gila and the Salt!"

"There is a practical and economical value in being cheerful," quoth Judge R. E. Sloan. "After a while, being cheerful ceases to be merely a psychological expression of prosperity, and becomes a real and genuine prosperity." Judge Sloan touched on many interesting subjects, especially

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Years Before Filipinos Fitted For Self-Government

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Former President Taft said the Filipinos will be unfitted for self government for a generation and perhaps two, in testimony before the senate committee considering the administration bill for Philippine independence.

"We cannot present the Filipinos with a character," he said. "It must be acquired. You cannot make over a people in a generation. The time necessary to train them for self government is the time necessary to make

them English speaking people. If you give them independence now or in 1920 either another Diaz will arise in the Philippines or a condition develop like that which caused Diaz to fall in Mexico."

Taft said that neither President McKinley or Roosevelt nor himself contemplated turning over the Philippines to the people before they were educated for self government. He said the democratic promises of independence have been fruitful of unrest and responsible, in a measure, for the recent revolutionary disturbances.